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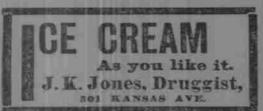


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A MOUNTAIN OF COAL.

ARE ALMOST STARTLING.

Nearly 125,000,000 Tons Consumed In This Country Annually-Prospects of the Future-Anthrucite May Soon Become So Scarce as to Be a Luxury.

[Special Correspondence.] Privipula, Sept. 27.—It is almost impossible for the visitor to this city, where coal is still king, despite the partial introduction of natural gas, to fail to be impressed with the magnitude of the country's coal consumption. Possibly you have never looked up the fignres. We, the people of the United States, burn to ashes every year in the furnaces that make steam for our stationary and locomotive engines, in the propulsion of our steambouts, the heating of our buildings and the production of the mysterious electric current that propels our trolley cars and makes our lights, almost 125,000,000 tons. To be exact in our statistics, 134,929,651 tons is the measure of our annual consump-

An Enormous Mass. Perhaps you fail to grasp the meaning of these figures. First of all, as has been pointed out by Frederick Sayward, editor of The Coal Trade Review, they



AS COMPARED TO WASHINGTON. every inhabitant of the United States. if the figures of the eleventh census, which gives the total population of the ployed for a basis of calculation. Suppose we make a little computation of to hold this enormous mass of coal. On an average one ton of coal occupies one cubic yard, or 27 cubic feet, the product of some mines being a little heavier than

that standard and some a little lighter. 3,000,000,000 of cubic feet, or, to be definite, 3, 373, 100, 577. It would take a across the marshes and hills of New Jersey, over the Delaware river into Pennsylvania, up the sides of the Alleghany mountains and down into the valleys to the Ohio line and on and on over the broken country of the southern part of the state to Cincinnati. If, instend of beginning the construction of the bin at New York, Chicago were the neighborhood of Atlanta. The calculations have been made on the basis of airline distances.

If the coal, instead of being piled in an enormous bin as imagined, were mined in one solid block and set down on a plot half a mile square-two "sections" of land-it would be over 468 feet high, within less than a hundred feet as high as the Washington monument. Set down in the city of Washington near the capitol, this big lump of ebon fuel would cover a very large portion of the business section of the federal city and would tower far above the famous rotunda.

Consumption by States. Nearly two-thirds of this enormous block, or over 80,000,000 of tons, would be soft coal, the remainder, rising of 44,000,000, being anthracite. Pennsylvania consumes rather more than onesixth of the whole annually, or more than 28,500,000 of tons. The Keystone State's production is of course largely in excess of that amount, being almost two-thirds of the whole, or over \$1,000,-000 tons. Illinois comes next in production, her output being more than 12,-000,000 tons, but New York ranks Illinois in consumption, the figures for the western state being a shade under 13,-000,000 tons-a little more than her production-while those for the Empire State mount up to more than 16,500,-000. New York is one of the few states that do not produce coal, the states and territories that buy all they burn being Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina, Vermont and Wisconsin. Rhode Island is the only New England state that mines coal, and her output is insignificant, being only 2,000 tons a year. It will surprise many read-

ers to learn that she mines any. It is often asked how long, at the present enormous rate of consumption, the coal mines of the Unfied States will hold out. The query will be a serious one-some time, but not soon. The total amount mined annually is 141,209,513 tons, about 16,000,000 more than are consumed within our boundaries, the remainder, of course, being exported. I have not at hand the figures wise men have made representing the total amount The STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Mis- of coal, both bituminous and anthracite, this country, but they say that, as nearly as it can be figured, there were 13,-000,000,000 tons of anthracite in 1820, when it came into use. Its consumption was at first very slow, of course.

Future Prospects. During the first 10 years it amounted to no more than \$50,000 tons. During the next decade 5,000,000 tons went. When 30 years had rolled away, it is estimated that fully 25,000,000 tons had een mined and burned. When the war We mean business. Do you? Then fit broke out in 1860, about 80,000,000 tous yourself for it by study during your had been consumed, and so far but a spare hours in the evening with the Homoeopathic Preparatory School of serve. With the war, however, anthra-

cite began to boom, and by 1870 100,-000,000 more, or 180,000,000 in all, had been used. In 1880 400,000,000 FIGURES AND COMPARISONS THAT tons had been used. In 1885 about 30,-000,000 a year were being consumed. Now, as stated, the rate is rising of 41,-000,000 a year and will perhaps get to 75,000,000 a year by 1900. If the whole lot of 13,000,000,000 were piled in 25 piles of 520,000,000 tons each, two of them would be gone by that time, or 1,040,000,000, leaving 23 piles, or 11,-960,000,000 tons. This doesn't look so bad at first, but when you figure up the rate of increase in consumption and see that it is at a 4 or 5 per cent rate, and then figure up how long the remaining 23 piles will last, you will find that unless a new supply is found it will all be gone by the beginning of the year of our Lord 2055, just 235 years after the first hard coal was dug from the rugged Pennsylvania hills. It may last longer than that, however, for, as the supply decreases, the price, compared with that of bituminous coal, will probably increase to prohibitive figures for all but the very rich. However, there's no reason for you and I to worry, reader. The price is not likely to take the big jump

while we are alive to burn coal.

M. I. DEXTER. ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

Historic Dwellings Recalling Huguenot Refugees of Colonial Days. [Special Correspondence,]

NEW PALTZ, N. Y., Sept. 27.— Houses near two centuries old are almost as scarce as the proverbial hens' teeth even among the older settlements of these United States. Perhaps it is just as well that they are, too, for there seems to be a prevalent latter day opinion that they are not the most healthful places of habitation to be found, and that, however unique and interesting they may be as historical landmarks, they are almost sure to indue their denizens with certain gratuities in the way of rheumatic and malarial afflictions. I got a snap shot at one the other day, however, that seems to be the exception country at 62,622,250 souls, be em- | to the rule. It was built in 1705, as some quaint old iron figures on its gapose we make a little computation of ble show, and its present occupants, the size of a bin that would be required like the house itself, seem to be in prime condition.

This ancient house is situated in the oldest section of New Paltz. It is known as the Du Bois house, from its builder, hat standard and some a little lighter. Louis Du Bois, one of the Huguenot refugees who settled in Ulster county of coal would amount to more than in the seventeenth century. Within hailing distance are a number of other houses nearly as old, the Hasbrouck bin 100 feet wide, 10 feet deep and almost 640 miles long to hold it. Such a bin would extend from New York, longing to the same era. All of them longing to the same era. All of them are built of stone and cement, with walls 2 feet thick, and that there were no Buddensiecks in the days of their construction is attested by the fact that all of them are still inhabited.

It is one of the ironies of circumstances that the bricks for the chimneys of these houses were brought over from Holland, though there was an abundance taken as the starting point, it would of good brick clay in the immediate reach across parts of Illinois, Indiana. | vicinity, and there are brickkilns today Georgia, the southern terminus being in they are located. It is scarcely possible that the modern mania for imported articles had then begun to manifest itself, so it must be that there was no one among the refugees who knew how to make bricks. That they knew how to how timber, however, the immense beams which they put in these houses show. Each beam is 12 or 14 inches



DU BOIS HOUSE BUILT IN 1705.

square, and they are apparently as sound now as when they were first put

The Du Bois house has been altered considerably since its architect first looked with pride upon his work and pronounced it finished. It was originally designed as a sort of fortress for the little community as well as a dwelling place for its owner. The gun holes in the walls are now filled in with stone and brick, but you can plainly see where once they frowned upon the lurking redskin or other possible enemy. The porch and the windows in the gables are evidently post creative interpolations. At any rate, the latter are squared up with American brick, which shows they were not provided for in the original design. No one seems to remember, however, when the changes were made

New Paltz was first settled in 1677. Esopus, now known as Kingston, 15 miles north, was settled by the Huguenots in 1660. The prevalence of Dutch names among the early settlers and among their descendants of today shows that the French refugees, who fled first to Holland, brought some of their Dutch neighbors along with them. Like Penn, these men bought their lands from the Indians. The records testify that in May, 1666, Louis Du Bois and his associntes purchased a tract lying between the Shawangunk mountains and the

Hadson river, comprising 36,000 acres. The price paid for this great domain included 40 kettles, 40 axes, 40 adzes, 40 shirts, 400 strings of bends, 300 strings of black beads, 50 pairs of stockings, 100 bars of lead, 100 knives, 1 keg of powder, 4 quarter casks of wine, 40 jars, 60 cleaving knives, 60 blankets, 100 needles, 100 awls and I clean pipe. Edmund Andres, colonial governor, confirmed the title of the settlers to these lands by a patent dated Sept. 29, 1677, in consideration of the "rendering and paying each year and every year to his royal highness the rightful acknowledgment, or rent, of five bushels of wheat, payable at the redoubt at Esopus to such officers as shall have power to tecsive it." H. T. WHITE

LATE FALL FASHIONS.

STYLISH APPEARANCE OF THE NEW SCOTCH CAMERON CAPES.

Novelties In Short Jackets and Long Cloaks. New Dress Goods and Fall Costumes-Hats and Bonnets-Evening Dress For Men. Ties, Collars and Shirts.

[Special Correspondence,] New York, Sept. 27 .- Perhaps there is nothing new presented this season that is prettier or more chic than the Scotch cameron capes, with their woolly outsides and canny plaid facings. These plaids are the regular clan plaids used when the kilted legions marched down the rocky defiles of the land of oatmeal scones and "fushky." The Mac-Gregors, the Campbells and the Camer-



FALL COSTUMES.

ons and I know not how many others would have their eyes brightened by the sight of the comfortable long capes now on view. They are fuzzy on the surface and warm rather than fine and sleek, but there is no gainsaying their stylish appearance. They are made to match the suit or not, as best pleases the wearer. There are winter stockings made in the same plaids, and ribbons also, and

a few twilled plaids for dress skirts. These are shown in the green and blue plaids so well liked some 30 years ago. There are black capes, too, lined with plaid, or with a plaid silk hood, or with a black velvet capuchin. All the butterfly capelets are gone where all discarded fashions go.

This season brings us a lot of short jackets made of black oxford cloth, havana and navy beaver and boncle, or a sort of astrakhan cloth. Some of these, however, are three-quarter length. I should not forget the chinchilla cloth, which is simply astrakhan cloth in gray and white. The "nigger head" is also used in these jackets with good effect, and often the ground to these is red or some bright color, with the tufts above it, so that the under color shows very little, but still does show. There is a cape called the richelien, which resembles the military very closely. Irish

novelties, among them some Peking riche silk, which is absolutely indescribable, some crape varech and a pebbly surfaced wool goods called cheviotine. and their latest amusement has been to There is a greenish, leathery looking live in a church. stuff made, I should judge, of silk waste among the silks a faced silk called Feking. Then there is heavy silk in Scotch plaid, some mirror moire in entirely new effects, some drap de venise looking as if it had fallen from some old painting, china armare and princess of silk. All these are made novel by weave, special treatment and coloring. In woods there is nothing decidedly new unless the wide wale camel's bair

and melton and whipeords, with a few new fancies worked out in Scotch chev-These last are seen in mordore, gray and red in lovely tones. A red cheviot trimmed with velvet of a darker shade and jetted galloon, with a yoke of white point de venise, made a beautiful fall gown. A pearl gray cheviot, with draped overskirt trimmed with white

vandyke point and with rush green accessories, made another beautiful costume. I have never seen cheviot in such rich colorings before nor in qualities so fine, as that is generally a material intended to give rather an appearance of warmth than fineness. The effect of the fine twilled cheviot is much like camel's same time.

With one of these costumes is worn a black aigret. I mention these to show not say, that almost every costume requires a

bit of the gown as trimming. Is there really any change in men's turns over farther, lies flatter, and that fit the figure better, and he said that front of the shirt may be embroidered, all the change the succeeding years bring to mankind, I do not know whether to pity or congratulate them.

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LIVED IN A CHURCH.

Ex-Senator Van Wyck Found an Odd Dwelling Place In Washington. Ex-Senator Charles H. Van Wyck is known to the country as an active, independent sort of politician who was Republican senator from Nebraska, got

frieze is seen in many long circular | too independent for his party associates capes, also long coats, and no end to the | and was defeated for re-election, charged long cloaks of handsome brounded wools. his defeat to the railroads and became Many of these are richly trimmed with a Populist in the race for governor of Nebraska. He is independent in many There have arrived this week a few other lines than politics, and being pretty well supplied with this world's Manufactured at 609 Kan. Ave. Topeka. goods can afford to divert himself as he will. His wife is in harmony with him,

and wool, called freg's throat, and the little old vine clad church at the cor-A great landmark in Washington is ner of Eighteenth and P streets, northwest, originally Episcopalian and later used for Swedenborgian services. It was sold about the time Senator Van Wyck's term closed, and he bought it for a little present to his wife. When the fam-



EX-SENATOR VAN WYCK'S CHURCH.

ily returned to Washington last August, they concluded to "camp out" in their church property and found it so nice that they fixed up and lived in it with comfort and hilarity.

His old neighbors say that Mr. Van hair, with something of itself at the Wyck "isn't pretty, but he's pretty well fixed," so he can live as he likes. He and his wife first divided the audiround black felt hat turned up all torium by imaginary lines into parlor, around and with the top covered with dining room, art gallery and bedrooms handsome green tips. With the red and used the vestry for a kitchen. Later gown there was a mite of a toque, with they put up some partitions, and so an alsatian bow of red velvet and a there they were, for how long they did

Their business in Washington is to special hat or bonnet bearing the colors superintend repairs on their other propat least, if not some of the material. erty there. They have a beautiful home Regular turbans are often seen with a | in Nebraska and soon left for that state to put their daughter in a boarding school, but with a promise to return and evening dress? If there is, I cannot tell occupy their church for some time. Last where it is, but the swell tailor who | winter they lived at the Portland hotel gave me the picture says that the collar in Washington, and Mrs. Van Wyck's entertainments were accounted very the tails are in some manner curved to pleasant affairs indeed. The senator has grown more radical since leaving office, collars are high, ties are wider and the and his prediction as to the course politics were to take, made immediately and the telescopic hat and the ribbon | Ifter President Cleveland's tariff meswatch fob are quite the thing. If this is | enge in 1887, has been fulfilled almost o the letter.

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